

REMARKS

After payment of the issue fee on September 23, 2008, it was recently discovered that the filing date of the above-identified application, June 5, 2000, appears to be subsequent to both the 20-month and 30-month deadlines, July 20, 1999 and May 20, 2000, from the earliest claimed Israeli priority application filing date of November 20, 1997. Therefore, the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 or §365(c), from the filing date of PCT International Application No. PCT/IL98/00563, November 19, 1998, would appear not to be proper. Accordingly, the PTO is respectfully requested to review the propriety of the priority claim(s) as noted on the original Declaration submitted with the present application.

The PTO is further respectfully requested to reexamine the claims in view of International Application No. PCT/IL98/00563, which was published on June 3, 1999.

It is believed that no fee is due for this submission. However, should that determination be incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 01-0433, and notify the undersigned in due course.

Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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